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HELLO! NUMBER_NINE HERE ;)

I'M A BIG FAN OF MUSASHI #9 AND SINCE NO ONE ELSE WAS TRANSLATING MISSION BLUE- I DECIDED TO START TRANSLATING IT MYSELF! THIS IS MY ***FIRST TIME*** TRANSLATING MANGA SO PLEASE FORGIVE ME IF I'VE MADE ANY CARELESS MISTAKES-

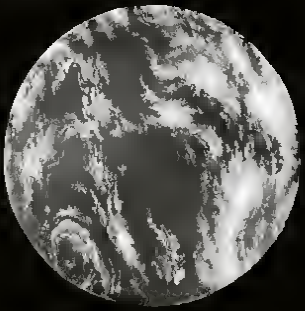
BTW- I'D ALSO LIKE TO THANK MAITREYA FOR PROVIDING THE RAWS!

AAAANNNNDDD NOOOWW- TIME TO READ!!!

ENJOY!

人類の歴史は戦いの歴史
民族・宗教・思想
その他あらゆるものの中から
戦いは生まれる

戦う者たちは彼らなりの正義をもち
その名のもとに戦い続けているが
その中にはしばしば
世界を破滅させかねない状況を
作るものがあった



ULTIMATE BLUE
“闇の国連”と呼ばれるその機関が
いつできたのか　どこにあるのか
それは誰にも　わからない

海のBLUE 空のBLUE そして地球のBLUE
――破滅を防ぐ
彼らは最後の一線だった

WHO WOULD HAVE THOUGHT THAT SOMETHING EXTRAORDINARY WOULD HAPPEN IN A NEIGHBOURHOOD LIKE MINE?

IN A NEIGHBOURHOOD I THOUGHT WOULD NEVER CHANGE?

THAT PERSON BROKE MY "SHELL".

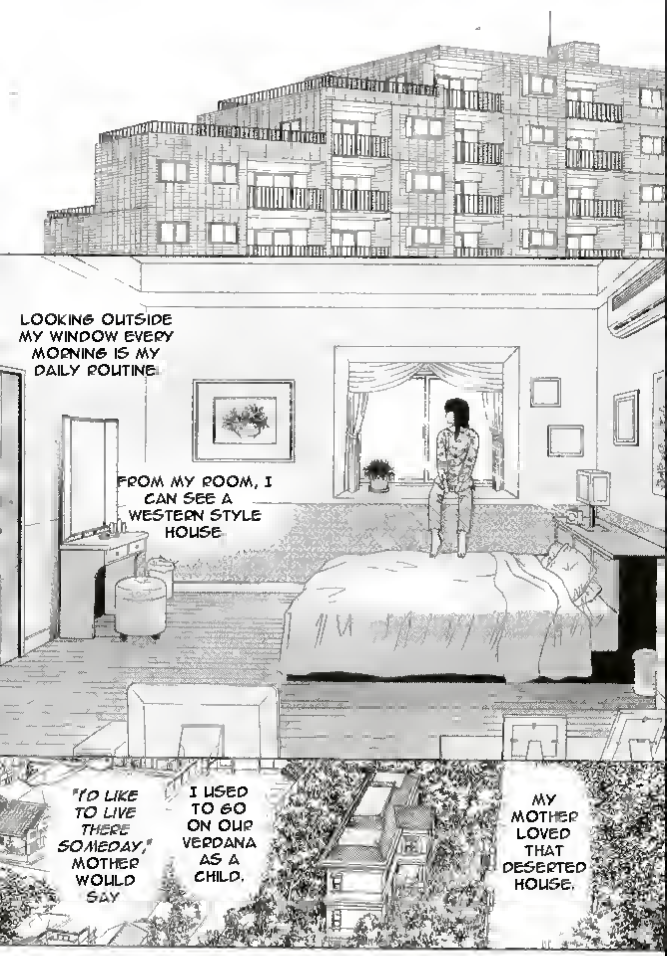
I CAN'T SAY I WAS TOO HAPPY ABOUT IT.

BUT...

THAT PERSON CHANGED MY LIFE.

FOR THE BETTER.

I'LL NEVER FORGET IT.


LOOKING OUTSIDE MY WINDOW EVERY MORNING IS MY DAILY ROUTINE.
FROM MY ROOM, I CAN SEE A WESTERN STYLE HOUSE.
"I'D LIKE TO LIVE THERE SOMEDAY," MOTHER WOULD SAY.
I USED TO GO ON OUR VERDANA AS A CHILD.
MY MOTHER LOVED THAT DESERTED HOUSE.

AFTER MOTHER DIED, FATHER GOT REMARRIED.
BUT, THAT WAS A LONG TIME AGO.
GRINNING, FATHER WOULD SAY, "I'LL DO MY BEST!"
I LIVE ALONE NOW
WAKING UP ALONE IS TIRING, TOO.
I'M NOT LONELY... BUT LIVING ALONE CAN GET TIRING.
STILL, THE WORLD GOES ON.

I WISH SOMEONE WOULD DROP A BOMB OVER MY HEAD AND JUST KILL ME
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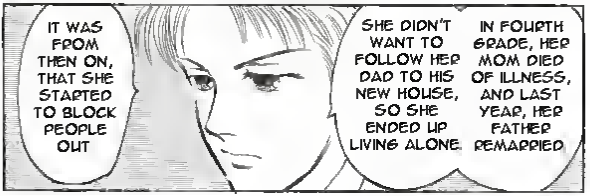
YOU HAVE GOT TO BE KIDDING...
THAT HOUSE HAD BEEN ABANDONED FOR SO LONG...
WHO WOULD BUY IT NOW?
WHY IS THERE A PERSON NEAR THE MANSION?
WHAT'S THAT?!
A PERSON?!

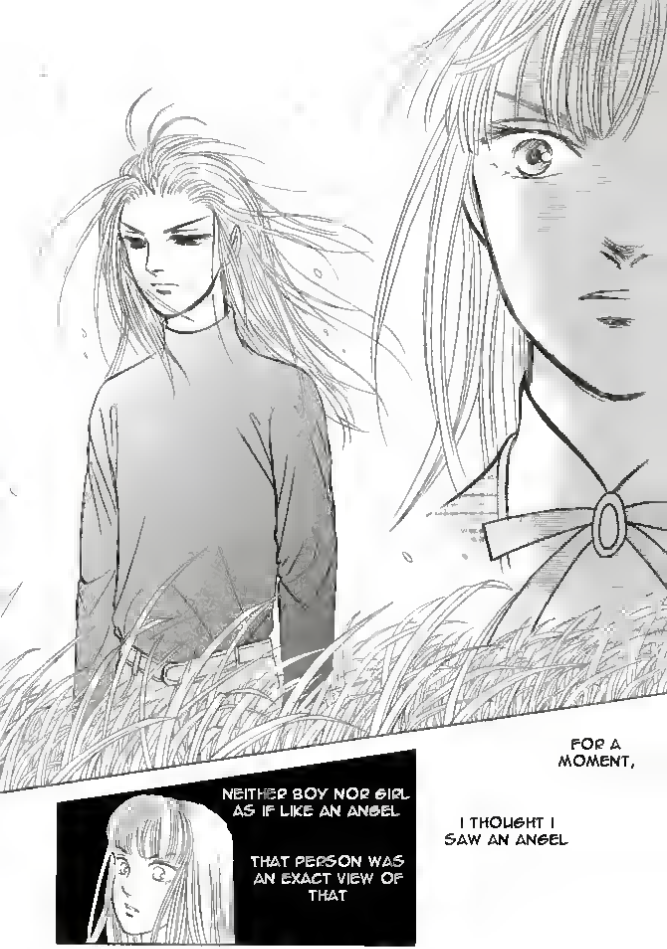
HEY
ISN'T THAT ICHINOMIYA-CHAN?
YOU'RE RIGHT. IT IS HER
SHE'S CHANGED A LOT. SHE DOESN'T HAVE FRIENDS, RIGHT?
SHE HASN'T SPOKEN TO ANYONE SINCE THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL
SHE'S KINDA CUTE THOUGH ...
SO THAT'S WHERE SHE LIVES...
BUT WHERE IS SHE GOING? SCHOOL'S NOT THAT WAY...

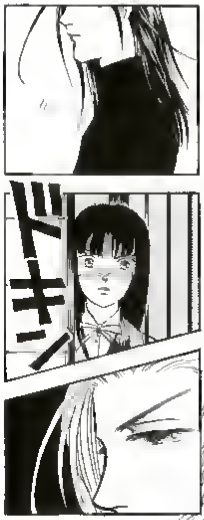
SO YOU GUYS WERE CHILD-HOOD FRIENDS ...
NAH
WE WENT TO THE SAME ELEMANTARY SCHOOL TOO
AND YOU GUYS LIVE IN THE SAME AREA ...
OH YEAH... DAISUKE WENT TO THE SAME JUNIOR HIGH AS HER RIGHT?
A LOT OF THINGS HAVE HAPPENED IN HER FAMILY
SHE WAS A BRIGHT KID
BACK THEN, SHE WAS REALLY CHEEKY.


IT WAS FROM THEN ON, THAT SHE STARTED TO BLOCK PEOPLE OUT
SHE DIDN'T WANT TO FOLLOW HER DAD TO HIS NEW HOUSE, SO SHE ENDED UP LIVING ALONE.
IN FOURTH GRADE, HER MOM DIED OF ILLNESS, AND LAST YEAR, HER FATHER REMARRIED.

TO SUDDENLY LOSE THE HANDS WHO LOVED YOU AND PROTECTED YOU FROM EVERYTHING,
IT'S NO WONDER SHE DOESN'T BELIEVE IN ANYONE ANYMORE.
POOR THING. IT MUST BE HARD NOT TO BE ABLE TO TRUST ANYONE
?
W-WHAT ?!
HMM
SO THAT'S HOW IT IS—
WHAT DO YOU MEAN BY "THAT'S HOW IT IS"!?
IT'S OKAY TO BE SHY
N-NO !!!
BESIDES, WE'RE YOUR FRIENDS. WE WON'T TELL ANYONE—
WHY WON'T YOU GUYS JUST SHUT UP ALREADY !!!
BUT MAAN— SHE'LL BE TOUGH TO HANDLE
SHUT UP !!!!!!

NOW I FEEL STUPID, RUNNING IN HERE FOR NOTHING.
THIS PLACE HAD BEEN EMPTY FOR SO LONG. IT WOULDN'T MAKE SENSE TO FIND SOMEONE STANDING IN THE MIDDLE OF THE YARD.
IT MUST HAVE BEEN SOMTHING ELSE.
NO ONE'S HERE.


FOR A MOMENT,
I THOUGHT I SAW AN ANGEL
NEITHER BOY NOR GIRL AS IF LIKE AN ANGEL
THAT PERSON WAS AN EXACT VIEW OF THAT



PURE BEAUTY...

AND

ENDLESS
SOLITARY

I DIDN'T EVEN DO ANYTHING WRONG.
WHY AM I RUNNING AWAY?
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WHY IS MY HEART BEATING SO FAST?
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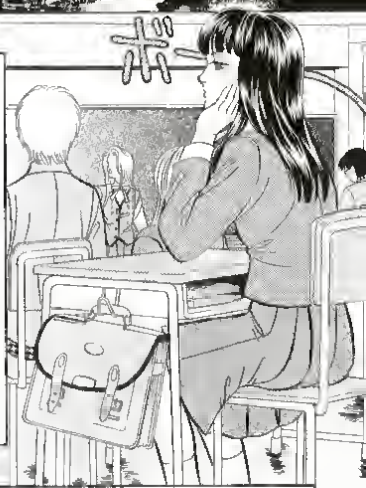
WHAT'S HAPPENING TO ME?

I HEARD THAT THE ELDERLY PERSON WHO OWNED THAT MANSION IS IN THE HOSPITAL.

WAS THAT GUY A RELATIVE?

THAT PERSON,

WHAT WAS HE DOING THERE?



CRYSTAL CLEAR AND A DIGNIFIED FIGURE...

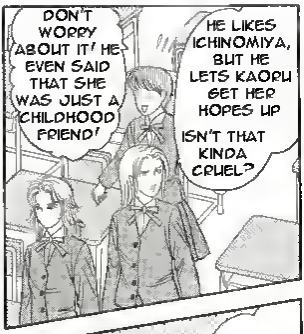
THAT MAN WAS A BEAUTY

SURELY, IT COULD HAVE BEEN A PASSERBY WHO THOUGHT THE MANSION WAS NICE AND WENT TO TAKE A CLOSER LOOK.

WHY AM I WORRYING ABOUT IT SO MUCH? IT'S NOT EVEN MY PROBLEM.

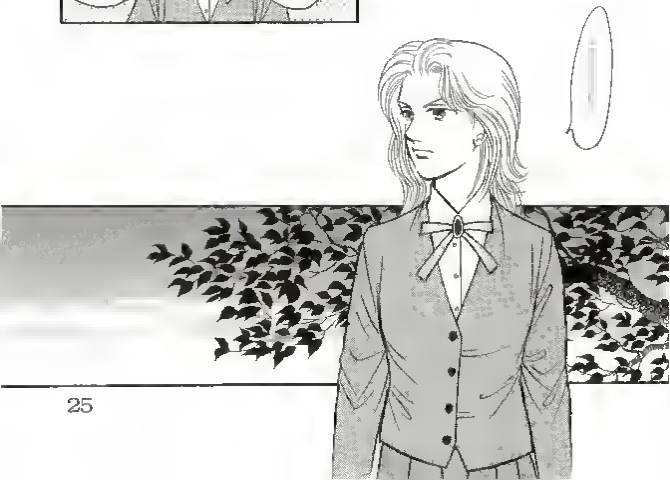
CLASS IS OVER WHAT ARE YOU DAYDREAMING ABOUT?
ARGH! WHAT'S WRONG WITH ME?
I NEED TO STOP THINKING ABOUT THAT MAN!
ICHINOMIYA-SAN
SO, THE UPCOMING BALL GAME EVENT IS VOLLEYBALL AND IT WAS DECIDED THAT WE WERE TO SPLIT INTO OUR OWN GROUPS TO MAKE TEAMS AND PRACTICE AFTER SCHOOL.
AND IT LOOKED LIKE ICHINOMIYA DIDN'T HAVE A GROUP.
I WAS PLANNING ON STAYING HOME ON THE DAY OF THE VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT.
THANKS, BUT NO THANKS.
IF YOU WANT, YOU CAN JOIN OUR GROUP.

DAISUKE-KUN
SHE'LL GROW OLD AND DIE ALONE
WE REALLY DID TRY TO TALK TO HER BUT SHE WAS TOO GOOD FOR US.
RIGHT
WHAT'S HER DEAL?
KAORU EVEN WENT THROUGH THE TOUBLE OF TRYING TO TALK TO HER.
DAISUKE, YOU'RE REALLY BRAVE, TRYING TO GET INVOLVED WITH ICHINOMIYA
BUT TAJIMA, YOU SOUNDED KIND OF MEAN
YOU JUST HAD TO FALL IN LOVE WITH A TROUBLESOME WOMAN LIKE HER


DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT! HE EVEN SAID THAT SHE WAS JUST A CHILDHOOD FRIEND!
HE LIKES ICHINOMIYA, BUT HE LETS KAORU GET HER HOPES UP
ISN'T THAT KINDA CRUEL?

I TOLD YOU ALREADY!"
SHE'S JUST A CHILDHOOD FRIEND!"

SHOW HER HOW YOU FEEL ABOUT HER STEALING WHAT'S YOURS.
KAORU... MAYBE WE SHOULD TEACH HER A LESSON



I ENDED UP COMING HERE AGAIN...
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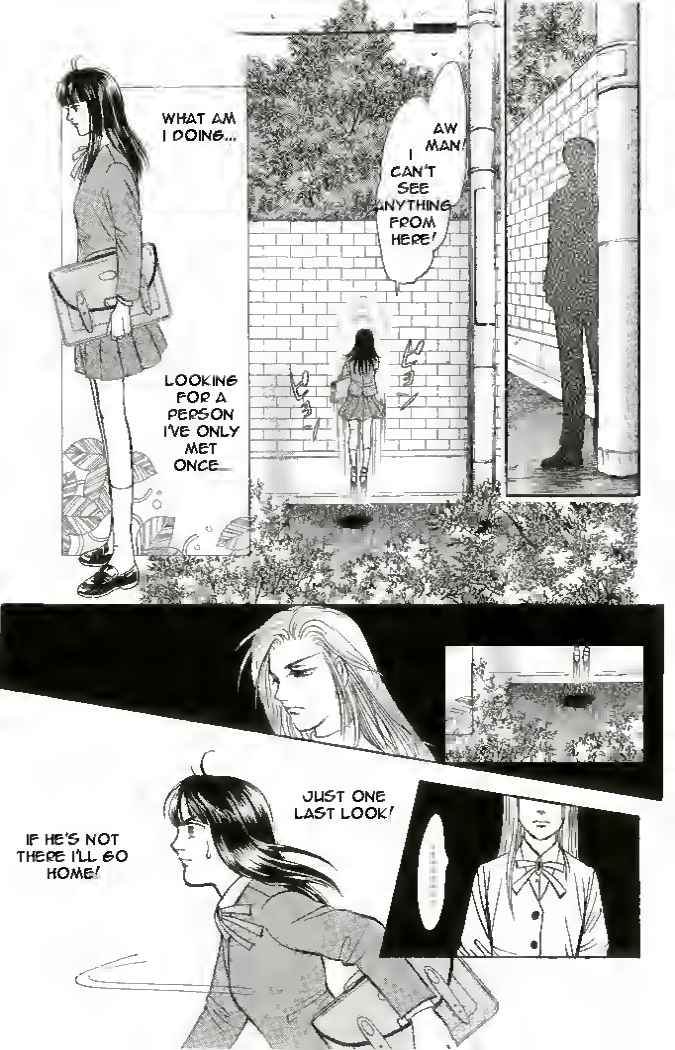
ALTHOUGH I KNOW THAT LAST TIME WAS JUST BY CHANCE...
HE'S NOT HERE...
NO SURPRISE THERE...
MAYBE HE'S IN THE BACK. I MEAN, THIS HOUSE IS HUGE!


WHAT AM I DOING...
LOOKING FOR A PERSON I'VE ONLY MET ONCE...
AW MAN! I CAN'T SEE ANYTHING FROM HERE!
JUST ONE LAST LOOK!
IF HE'S NOT THERE I'LL GO HOME!

Where do you go?
(どこへいく?)
OOPS. I WASN'T WATCHING WHERE I WAS GOING.
SORRY! ARE YOU OKAY?
ENGLISH?
ドキン
HUH?

STOP IT!!!!
WAIT !!! WHAT ARE YOU DOING ??!!!
LET GO!!!
WHAT DO I DO NOW?
A KIDNAPPER?
Shut up ! (静かにしろ！)
SOMEONE PLEASE HELP ME!!!
LET GO!!!
I SAID LET GO!!!
A GUN?!
THIS GUY'S GOT A GUN!!!
I NEED TO GET AWAY!!!

HERE!

Shit!!
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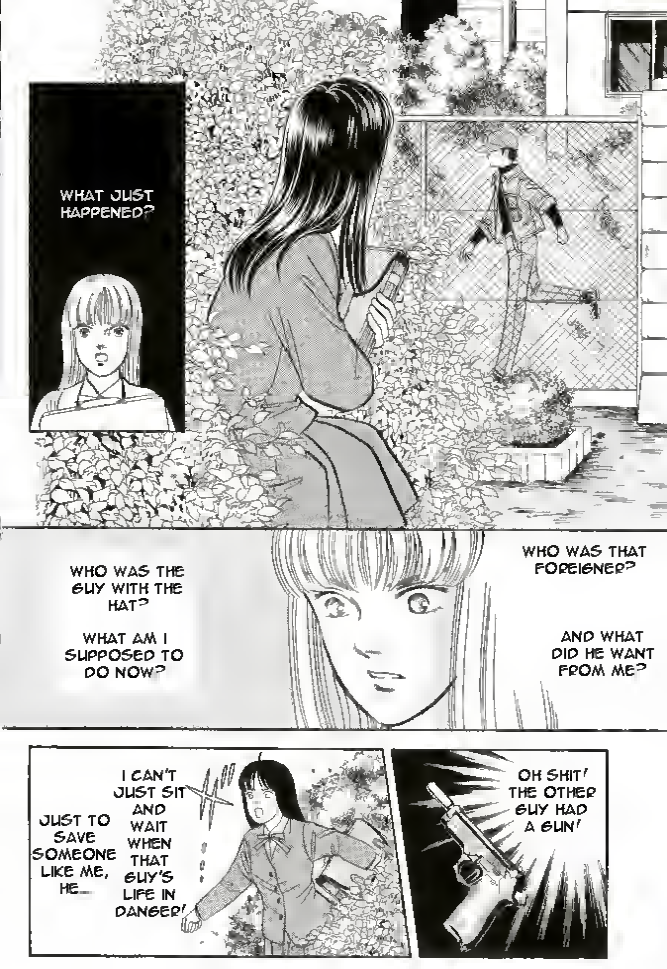
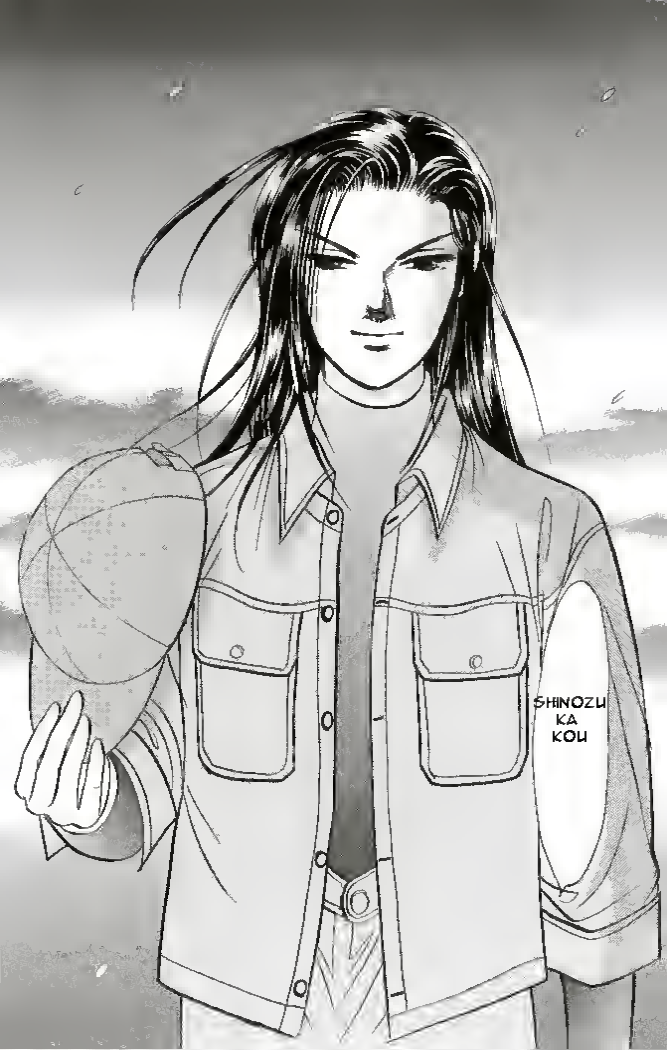
Wait!!
(待て!!)
Ouch
WAIT HERE AND DON'T MOVE GOT IT?
O-OKAY

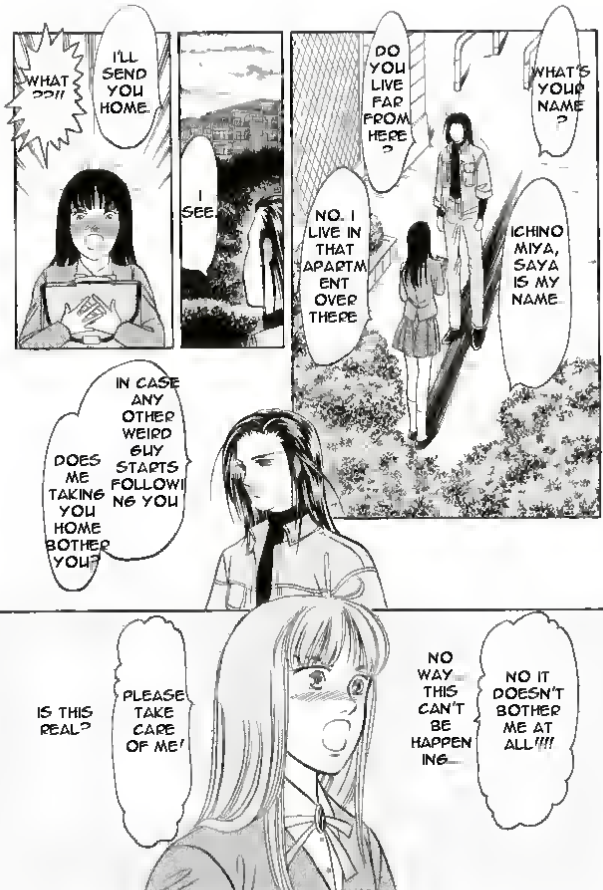

WHAT JUST HAPPENED?
WHO WAS THE GUY WITH THE HAT?
WHAT AM I SUPPOSED TO DO NOW?
WHO WAS THAT FOREIGNER?
AND WHAT DID HE WANT FROM ME?
JUST TO SAVE SOMEONE LIKE ME, HE...
I CAN'T JUST SIT AND WAIT WHEN THAT GUY'S LIFE IN DANGER!
OH SHIT! THE OTHER GUY HAD A GUN!

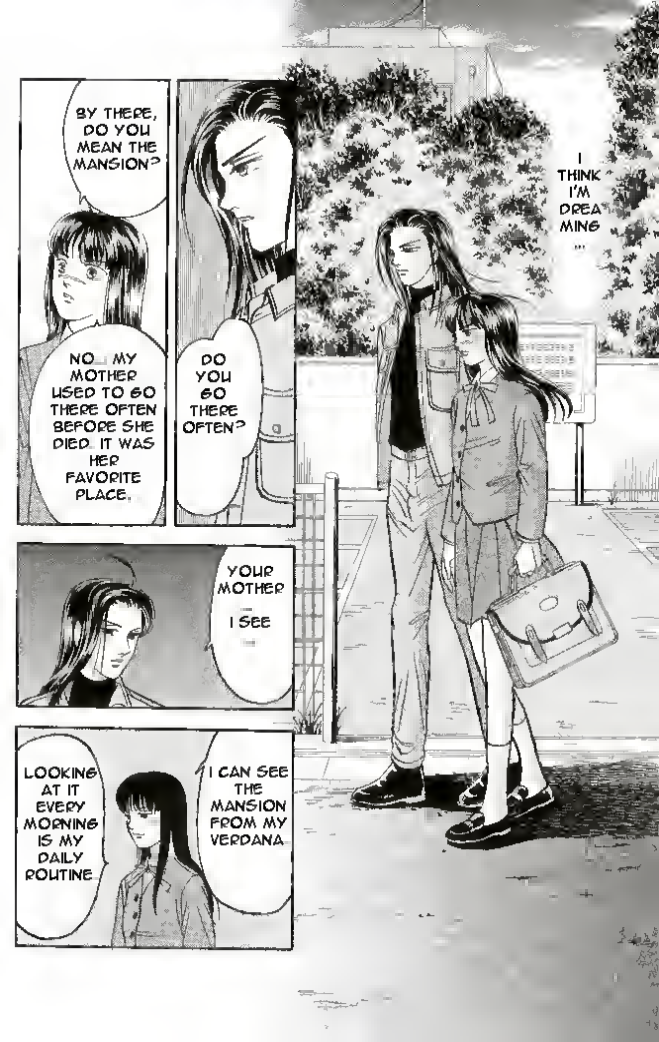
DIDN'T I TELL YOU TO STAY PUT?
AH
BUT THAT FORIGNER HAD A GUN!
ARE YOU OKAY?
I'M OKAY.
I MADE IT SO THAT HE WON'T BE ABLE TO BOTHER YOU ANYMORE
I'M SHINOZUKA
AH SORRY
UM
WHAT'S YOUR NAME?
AND WHAT WERE YOU DOING ALL THE WAY BACK THERE?
WAIT... BUT THEN DOESN'T THAT MEAN

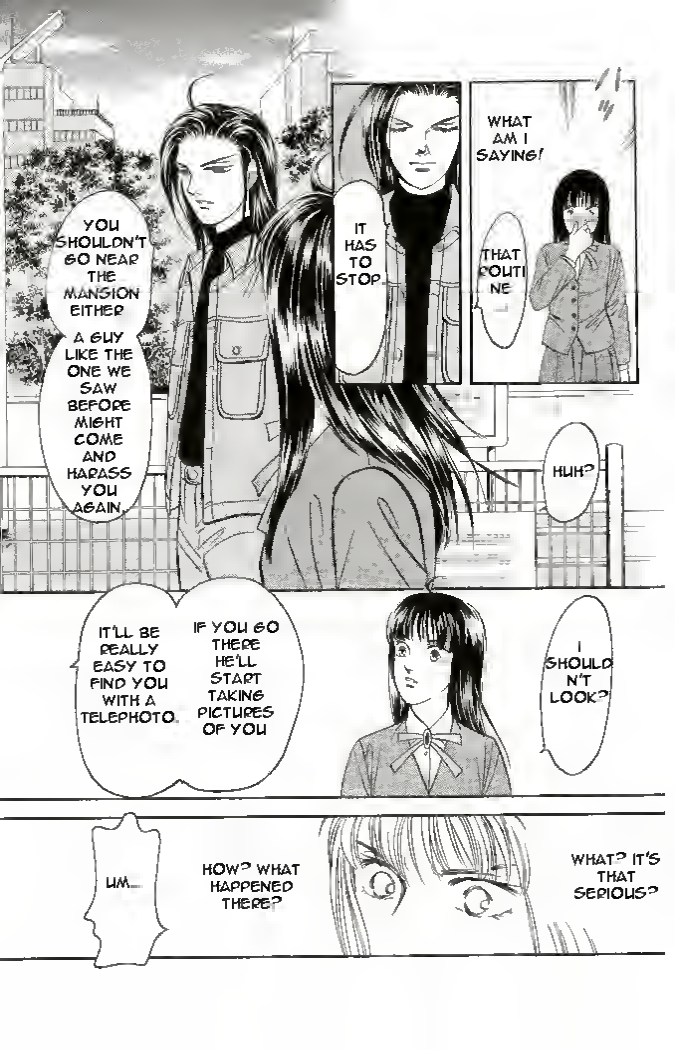

SHINOZU
KA
KOU

NO——WAAAAY

HUH?
YOU DROPPED YOUR BAG.
OH, RIGHT!!
IT MUST HAVE SHOCKED YOU.
BUT YOU DON'T NEED TO WORRY ABOUT IT ANYMORE. I TOOK CARE OF IT.
?
DID SOMETHING ABOUT IT—?
AH— RIGHT.
THANKS.
BROUGHT HIM TO THE COPS.


WHAT ??!!
I'LL SEND YOU HOME.
I SEE.
DO YOU LIVE FAR FROM HERE ?
WHAT'S YOUR NAME ?
NO. I LIVE IN THAT APARTMENT OVER THERE
ICHINOMIYA, SAYA IS MY NAME.
DOES ME TAKING YOU HOME BOTHER YOU?
IN CASE ANY OTHER WEIRD GUY STARTS FOLLOWING YOU
IS THIS REAL?
PLEASE TAKE CARE OF ME!
NO WAY... THIS CAN'T BE HAPPENING...
NO IT DOESN'T BOTHER ME AT ALL!!!!


I THINK I'M DREAMING ...
DO YOU GO THERE OFTEN?
BY THERE, DO YOU MEAN THE MANSION?
NO... MY MOTHER USED TO GO THERE OFTEN BEFORE SHE DIED. IT WAS HER FAVORITE PLACE.
YOUR MOTHER
I SEE
I CAN SEE THE MANSION FROM MY VERDANA.
LOOKING AT IT EVERY MORNING IS MY DAILY ROUTINE.


WHAT AM I SAYING!
THAT OUTLINE
IT HAS TO STOP
YOU SHOULDN'T GO NEAR THE MANSION EITHER
A GUY LIKE THE ONE WE SAW BEFORE MIGHT COME AND HARASS YOU AGAIN
HUH?
I SHOULDN'T LOOK?
IF YOU GO THERE HE'LL START TAKING PICTURES OF YOU
IT'LL BE REALLY EASY TO FIND YOU WITH A TELEPHOTO
UM...
HOW? WHAT HAPPENED THERE?
WHAT? IT'S THAT SERIOUS?

UH ...
UM ...
WELL THEN
AH
THIS IS WHERE YOU LIVE, RIGHT?
OH NO ...
MAYBE WE'LL RUN IN TO EACH OTHER LATER ON.
WILL WE... WILL WE MEET AGAIN?
I DON'T KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT HIM YET!
UM ...
WHAT DO I DO??
WHAT DO I DO??
I DONT WANT HIM TO LEAVE...
UM ... UM ...

WOULD YOU LIKE TO COME INSIDE?
IF YOU WANT TO...
WE CAN DRINK TEA...
I CAN'T BELIEVE I'M ACTUALLY DOING THIS!
INVITING A STRANGER INTO MY HOUSE!
I REALLY DON'T WANT HIM TO LEAVE...
BUT...
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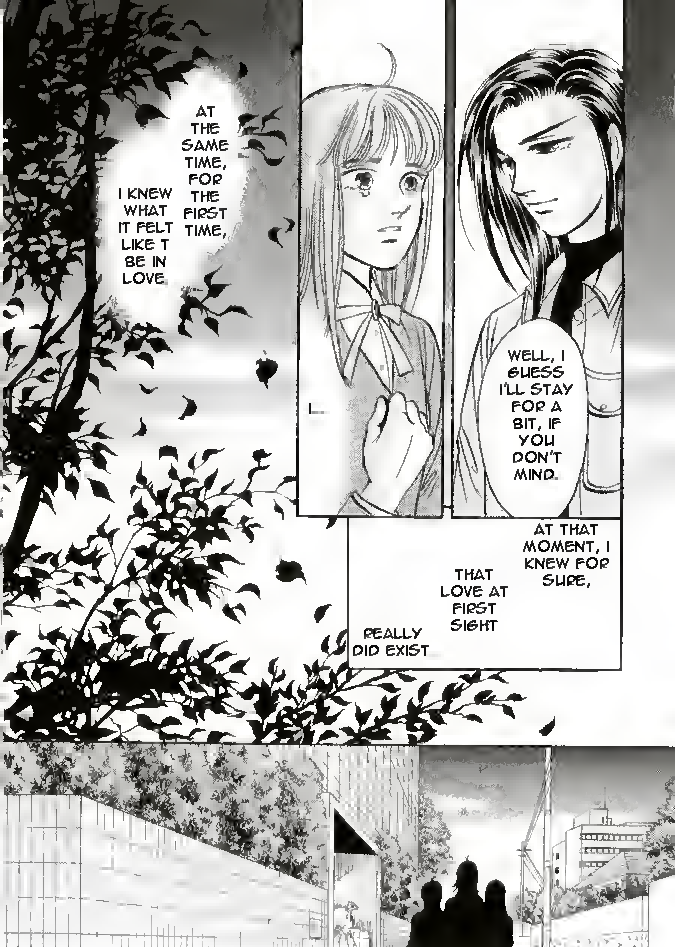
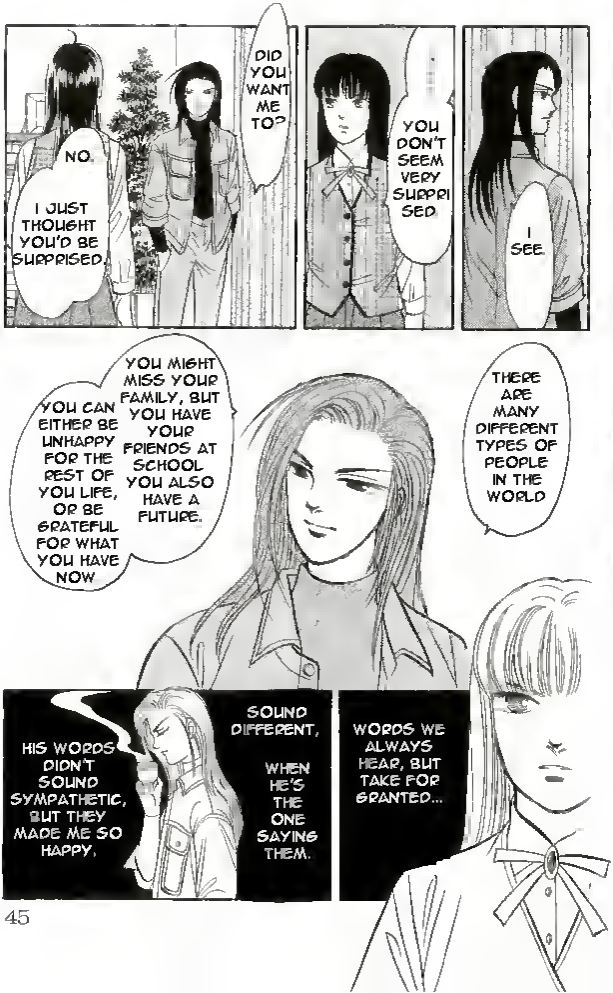
SURE.


AT THE SAME TIME, FOR THE FIRST TIME,
I KNEW WHAT IT FELT LIKE TO BE IN LOVE.
WELL, I GUESS I'LL STAY FOR A BIT, IF YOU DON'T MIND.
AT THAT MOMENT, I KNEW FOR SURE,
THAT LOVE AT FIRST SIGHT
REALLY DID EXIST

I SAW! I SAW! IT WAS ICHINOMIYA SAYA!
DID YOU JUST SEE THAT?
SHE SHOWS A FACE THAT SAYS THAT SHE ISN'T INTERESTED IN ANYTHING AND THEN CLINGS TO A GUY LIKE THAT.
COME ON GUYS, STOP IT.
YEAH! I HEARD THAT SHE DOESN'T HAVE ANY PARENTS OR RELATIVES.
DOESN'T SHE LIVE ALONE?
SO, THAT GUY ISN'T RELATED TO HER!
KAORU! WHAT ARE YOU SAYING?! NOW'S YOUR CHANCE!
THERE ISN'T ANYTHING GOING ON BETWEEN HER AND DAISUKE!
YOU HAVE TO HURRY UP AND OPEN YOUR EYES.

HERE YOU GO
THANK YOU
WHERE'S YOUR FAMILY? IT DOESN'T SEEM LIKE ANYONE ELSE IS HERE.
I LIVE HERE ALONE.
ALONE?
YES
MY MOM DIED WHEN I WAS LITTLE,
AND MY DAD GOT REMARRIED AND MOVED OUT.
NOW, HE ONLY SENDS ME MONEY.


DID YOU WANT ME TO?
NO. I JUST THOUGHT YOU'D BE SURPRISED.
YOU DON'T SEEM VERY SURPRISED
I SEE.
THERE ARE MANY DIFFERENT TYPES OF PEOPLE IN THE WORLD
YOU MIGHT MISS YOUR FAMILY, BUT YOU HAVE YOUR FRIENDS AT SCHOOL YOU ALSO HAVE A FUTURE.
YOU CAN EITHER BE UNHAPPY FOR THE REST OF YOU LIFE, OR BE GRATEFUL FOR WHAT YOU HAVE NOW
WORDS WE ALWAYS HEAR, BUT TAKE FOR GRANTED...
SOUND DIFFERENT, WHEN HE'S THE ONE SAYING THEM.
HIS WORDS DIDN'T SOUND SYMPATHETIC, BUT THEY MADE ME SO HAPPY,

I'LL CONTINUE ON WITH THE PLAN, TOO
THOUGH, THERE WILL BE NO CHANGE OF PLANS
I AM STILL AT HER APARTMENT THOUGH
THEY'RE ON THE MOVE
IT'S ME

EVEN AFTER THAT PERSON LEFT, I CONTINUED TO DAYDREAM.
THAT NIGHT, I DIDN'T GET ANY SLEEP.
THAT DREAM-LIKE EVENT DIDN'T DISSAPEAR FROM MY MIND WHEN I WOKE UP.
OOPS. I WASN'T SUPPOSED TO LOOK OUTSIDE.
I FORGOT ABOUT BEING SCARED.
BUT I KNOW THAT WHAT I FEAR IS STILL OUT THERE.

GOOD MORN ING
BUT THEN AGAIN,
WHO SAID I HAD TO FACE MY FEAR, ALONE?